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In re application of

Kazuhiko HARA et al. : Docket No.00144/122111US

Serial No. 09/438,786 : Group Art Unit 2861

Filed November 12, 1999 : Examiner K. Feggins

**INK-JET RECORDING APPARATUS**

**AMENDMENT**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents,  
Washington, D.C.

Sir:

In response to the Office Action of April 25, 2001, the period for response to which having been extended by one month to August 25, 2001, please amend the above-identified U.S. Patent application as follows:

**IN THE SPECIFICATION AND ABSTRACT**

~~Please replace~~ the original specification and abstract with the enclosed substitute specification and abstract.

**IN THE CLAIMS**

~~Please cancel~~ claims 1-23 without prejudice or disclaimer to the subject matter therein. Please add new claims 24-50 as follows.

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24. An ink-jet recording apparatus comprising:  
a flushing signal generating unit operable to generate a flushing signal; and  
a recording head provided with a nozzle, said recording head being operable to jet ink particles through said nozzle based on the flushing signal,

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